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DEPARTMENT FOR MAYNES (IO) AND HARROP (AF)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG SF WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

REF: (A) PRETORIA 4013, (B) STATE 179528 - TOSEC 080107

1. I WOULD STRONGLY ENDORSE RECOMMENDATION
CONTAINED PARA 11 REF A THAT THE FIVE FOREIGN
MINISTERS AFTER THEIR MEETING IN BONN SEND
AN URGENT APPEAL TO VORSTER OR RECOMMEND
THAT THEIR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DO SO. IT
IS IMPORTANT TO RESTRAIN THE SOUTH AFRICANS
BEFORE THEY TAKE A PUBLIC POSITION WHICH THEY
CANNOT BACK OFF FROM AND TO SHOW THEM AGAIN,
AS WE DID AT NEW YORK, THAT THE FIVE ARE
SOLIDLY UNITED.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT AND USUN. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD
DRAFT AND SEND TO BONN A PROPOSED MESSAGE.
IF THE SECRETARY WISHES TO PUSH THIS PROPOSAL,
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IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE A TEXT IN HAND.

3. FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BONN MAY
WISH TO MAKE SOME MENTION OF NAMIBIA IN
WHATEVER PUBLIC STATEMENT THEY MAY MAKE AT
THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR MEETING. WITHOUT
MENTIONING WALVIS BAY, THE STATEMENT MIGHT

SEEK TO TREAT NAMIBIA AGREEMENT AS A FACT
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT
FOR SAG, IN A DAY OR TWO, TO RETRACT ITS
EARLIER AGREEMENT CITING WALVIS BAY AS CAUSE.

4. CHRONOLOGY INVOLVED IN TIMING OF INITIAL
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING (REF B) IS CONFUSING.
DEPARTMENT SHOULD CLARIFY WHETHER "AFRICANS
WILL NOT SEEK TO DELAY MEETING BEYOND WEEK
OF JULY 17" MEANS THAT AFRICANS WOULD BE
WILLING TO SEE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING
BEGINNING AS EARLY AS JULY 24. I ASSUME THAT
IS WHAT DEPARTMENT INTENDED AS OAU SUMMIT WILL
BE COMPLETED BY THEN. DEPARTMENT SHOULD FURTHER
ADVISE DATES OF NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.
IN ADDITION DEPARTMENT SHOULD UPDATE NAMIBIA PORTION
OF TALKING POINTS FOR LONDON MEETING WITH
OWEN CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THAT MEETING.
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